

TEXAS TOWNS

PARIS.

Paris, Texas, April 24.—The Paris Camp of the American Woodmen will celebrate the eighteenth anniversary of the order on Sunday, April 27th at 3:30 p. m., at Saint Paul Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Maye will preach the anniversary sermon. A very interesting program will be rendered.

Ton. W. E. King, editor of the Dallas Express will come to Paris Sunday, May 4th under the auspices of the Negro Advancement League.

Mrs. A. Black underwent a very serious operation last Thursday at the Hygeia Sanitarium. The operation was performed by Dr. B. L. Boewell and F. D. Ramsey. The Sanitarium is now full of patients.

Mrs. S. S. Shelton left Saturday night for Ardmore, Okla., where he will spend a few days with relatives and looking after some business matters.

The oldest son of Elbert Parker suffered an amputation of his left arm. He had a fall three weeks ago which broke his arm in three places and to save his life the amputation was necessary.

Paris lost to Clarksville, in the oratorical contest which was held Friday night, April 18. Clarksville received first and second prizes and Paris third prize.

Easter was a great day at Mt. Zion M. E. church a service was held at 4 a. m. A musical program rendered by the choir at 11 a. m., and Sunday night a special program by the Sunday school. The amount of money raised was \$782.00.

Miss Mary Jamison of Clarksville was in charge of the oratorical contests from Clarksville. Mrs. Millie Ann Parker, who died in Arizona this week was brought to Paris for interment.

Prof. Robt. Staton, the prodigy gave several concerts in the city this week.

Prof. Staton is a great singer. Mr. Dahona Ward who spent several days in Paris with his parents returned to his home in Chicago, this week taking with him his daughter, Bernice.

Mrs. Nellie Etter was married last Tuesday evening to a gentleman of Louisiana.

Madams Trent and Jamison of Ft. Smith are visitors in the city.

TAYLOR.

Taylor, Texas, April 24.—The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. board of the LaGrange district held a successful meeting here 16th to 20th, in which \$129.00 was collected. The meeting was well attended. Appropriate Easter exercises were conducted at Allen Chapel A. M. E. church Sunday night. More than \$60.00 was for education. Their around the world contest on Friday night was an enjoyable occasion. Four homes were visited, viz. Mrs. Sadie Murray, Mrs. Sallie Ballen, Cora Chadwick and Frankie Wilson. Mrs. M. C. May has made nice improvements about her home.

Mrs. G. V. Howard has returned from Dallas.

Mrs. Emma Walker returned from Navasota and reports her brother much improved.

Mr. Robt. E. VanZandt is visiting his family this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hathaway visited Liberty Hill, Sunday. Mrs. A. R. Lewis (Mrs. Hathaway's mother) returned with them.

Mrs. Chas. Johnson with the Kaw Pavement Co., arrived Saturday with his crew to do street repairs.

Mr. Geo. Wright left for Ft. Worth to enter the Pullman service.

Mrs. B. E. Merriweather and children returned Saturday from a visit to Sayersville.

Mrs. Ralph Scott was called to La Grange on account of the death of a relative.

Mrs. Roy Cleveland and little daughter, Jewel are visiting Mr. Wm. Elin and family.

Mrs. M. E. Eason and daughter, MaeDee and brothers, Charley and James Collins, of Austin were here a few hours Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Moore and little Thomas Collins spent Sunday with friends at Rice Crossing.

Miss Sadie Rabb arrived Saturday from Thordale.

Quite a number witnessed the closing exercises of Prof. J. H. Lafond's school Friday night.

Arthur Jones (Black Cat) has returned from France to the delight of his mother, Mrs. Francis Stephenson and relatives and friends.

CAMERON.

Cameron, Texas, April 24.—Sunday April 13, was high day at Ebenezer Baptist church of Clarkson, Rev. L. L. Nelson was installed as pastor by Rev. Lewis of Louisiana. \$154.75 was raised for the repairing of the church.

The young men of Mayfield have organized a building club, to assist in building a great church at Millam Grove.

Mrs. Alice Paezel and her daughters were called to Belton last week to attend the funeral of her brother.

Miss Stella Sommers spent a few days at old Washington last week.

Miss Amanda Brown left for Houston, last week, where she will spend the summer. Mr. Alex Murphy who has been service in France, returned home last week. Rev. Warren held his quarterly conference here Sunday. The Easter program Sunday evening was quite interesting.

The Misses McDowes closed their school at Hanova last Friday. Miss Anshoun also closed at Jones Prairie.

The reporter delivered an address at the closing of the Port Sullivan school last Friday. Miss M. J. Moody is the principal and is doing great work. The Misses Butlers of Hearne assisted in the musical part of the program.

Miss Hanesy and Miss B. E. Greene returned from Temple Monday where they spent a few days visiting friends.

Mr. Will Nevels of Temple spent Sunday and Monday here.

Dr. D. L. Williams of Waco the wonderful blind minister, preached at Branchville, Sunday.

ATHENS.

Athens, Texas, April 24.—Sunday School was well attended Easter Sunday. We had several visitors with us from all parts of the country. Sunday had a big day Easter Sunday.

day. Preaching all day and a nice exercise.

Mr. McKinley Harris is spending a few days with his mother of Thompson, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Davis, daughter died April 18th was laid to rest on the evening of the 19th, she was 16 years old at her death. She leaves a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Mr. Beale Smith of Larue, Texas, is visiting his friendly friends.

Miss Georgia Ross of Sandhill school was closed today, April 18, they had a nice picnic on the ground.

Stockard Colored school closed on Friday night last with a fine concert with Miss Willie Mae Coker of Ponta, Texas, as teacher.

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PILOT POINT.

Pilot Point, Texas, April 24.—Pilot Point, Easter programs were carried out at the C. M. E. and M. E. Methodist churches. Rev. J. J. Hardeman was at his post and reports a high day. B. Y. P. U. tag day was had at County Line Baptist church, the effort was a success in the interest and finance. Rev. W. H. Varner, motored to Gainesville, Sunday morning accompanied by Mr. S. P. Phillips and preached Dr. B. J. Brown's eighteenth anniversary sermon. Mr. Bob Riddle of Gainesville is here at the bedside of his brother who is very ill. Kelsa school closes May 2nd. Miss Rubie Irving invites all to be present. Rev. C. H. Pryor preached at the Baptist church Sunday night.

Mrs. Ophelia Allen is adding a neat room to her house. Mrs. Emerline Whitten has returned from Waxahatchie to the delight of her many friends.

Our city is to be visited by Hon. Wm. E. King, May 14th every interpreting citizen is asked to look forward to his coming and do all you can to make the effort a success.

MARLIN.

Marlin, Texas, April 24.—Sunday was an ideal day and all of the pastors in their pulpits.

Marlin First Baptist church Sunday school was good with Sup. H. G. Buckner still leading on Rev. H. G. Lofton preached, one of his strong sermons. Doings of the A. M. E. Rev. G. W. Ballard closed his rally. It was a financial success, raised \$116.45. Sunday school was good. There was an Easter service carried out at M. E. church, collection \$125.22. Their pastor Rev. E. L. Jackson is a strong man and a financial worker. Bowman Chapel had good services. Easter day under the leadership of Sup. H. G. Buckner, raised \$63.40.

Mrs. John Battle is very sick. Mrs. Dinna Courtis goes to Taylor to visit her sick husband. Mrs. Creasy Washington are preparing to move to Ennis, Texas. J. W. Beckham of Calvert was in our city.

HEARNE.

Hearne, Texas, April 24.—Mrs. Mariah Reed, and Mrs. Margie Wadley were the guests of Mrs. M. A. Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Stubbins and son and others motored from Navasota to the corner stone laying. Mr. D. R. Reed, Mrs. Carr, Frank Morris and Mrs. Amanda Burton of Mumford, Texas, were in the city. Prof. E. D. Batts, and father, Mr. Ephe Hanev, Jones, and several others motored from Hammond to be at the corner stone laying. Mr. Humber of Calvert was down Sunday. Miss R. B. Canaway, closed her school at Sutton on the 18th had a grand time.

Hearne high school boys accompanied by Prof. T. A. Taylor and Miss N. O. Rick, two of the teachers and a large crowd of high school boys and girls motored to Franklin, Texas, to play ball.

Hearne 13 to 3 in favor of Hearne. Hearne to play Carrs on the 25th. Old Elam church has begun to build a new church and one that is a credit to the town and to her people. Rev. E. A. Ayers had services at New Elam Sunday reports a high day. M. E. church have had a carnival for two weeks raised \$140.00 closed on Sunday night. Mr. L. D. Taylor motored to Franklin this week to see the ball game. Mrs. Caledonia Stewart and L. Jefferson of Marlin is here visiting friends and brother. Mr. Aaron Frisby, Mr. A. D. Dorsey and Miss Augusta Lewis were married last night, pastor John Jones, officiated.

St. Emanuel Church Notes.

Sunday was a record breaker all day. Sunday school raised in the rally \$41.35 followed by an opening service of welcome address and response by Mr. V. A. Hoyt, and corner stone sermon by Rev. A. L. Foster of Houston he delivered a powerful message.

Receipts of the day was \$1,044.15, a record breaker for Hearne, the proceeds to be applied on the church debt. This is a church that is a credit to the Negro race, when completed it will cost \$15,000.00.

GILMER.

Gilmer, Texas, April 24.—Messrs. Joseph and Jack Bonner of Kansas City, Mr. John Bonner of Dallas and James Bonner of Marshall all with their families and a lady friend from Kansas City attended the funeral of their mother here April 18. Mrs. Georgia Bonner, Rev. Bluff, P. E., Pittsburg District attended the funeral. A large procession followed the corpse to the cemetery. Mrs. D. H. Watson was called to Henderson to attend her sick father. Mr. Ayler has been called from Corsicana to bedside of his mother. Mr. Henry Mathis was buried here Sunday, April 20. While the parents were in town Saturday Willis Richardson's little boy accidentally shot and killed Alfred Moore's little boy. Our same teachers have been re-elected. Everybody who wants to do the right thing and want their children to advance and made to stay

Now that the war is over and labor is adjusting itself to peace conditions, the question arises as to whether Negroes are going to continue to have the same opportunities which they had, while the war was on, to find employment in all sorts of occupations. The war gave the Negroes the greatest economic opportunities they have had since their emancipation. The nation in general, and capital in particular, came to have a greater appreciation of their value as an economic asset. The question now confronting them is, will these exceptional opportunities continue?

An important after war industrial opportunity, which is being afforded

labor, but are to be given opportunity to enter every line of work that the plant affords. This company is to build the new kind of ships, those constructed out of fabricated steel. The plates for these ships are to be manufactured in the plate shops at Fairfield, a suburb of Birmingham, Ala.

If the Negroes make good, the two plants, Fairfield and Chickasaw, will employ a total of some five thousand or more of them. It is assumed that Negro labor is going to make good. This assumption is being based on the experience that the Tennessee Coal Iron and Railroad Company, under which the Chickasaw Shipbuilding Company is operated, has

had as being the largest employer of Negro labor in the United States. This company which operates in the Birmingham, Alabama District, employs, altogether, in its coal mines, iron mines, blast furnaces, coke plant, rolling mills and steel works, some fifteen thousand Negroes. This group of laborers, on the whole, has been found to be dependable and to a greater or lesser degree, efficient.

There is also the example of the success which the Newport News Shipbuilding Company has had in employing several thousand Negroes in the construction of ships.

Assuming, therefore, that Negro laborers are going to make good, there has been erected, in advance, for them, both at the Fairfield plant and at the Chickasaw plant nearly two thousand modern bungalow cottages of from two to six rooms, which are attractive in appearance, completely screened, including the porches, well drained and have proper ventilating facilities. Running water, electric lights and all sanitary provisions of a modern up-to-date village are provided. Exceptional educational facilities are furnished for the children of the Negro workmen who are to be employed at these plants. At each place, several thousand dollars have been expended in erecting modern up-to-date school buildings where the children of the employees will have nine months schools every year under the direction of the best instructors that can be secured. The class rooms are well equipped with maps, black boards, globes and adjustable desks.

In the construction of the plant at Chickasaw, the Negro was given opportunity to do skilled work. One of the division Superintendents in carpenter work, was a Colored man M.

W. Goodson, he had under him twenty-two foremen and some two hundred and fifty carpenters, who in the construction of houses, office buildings and barns showed their ability. It was reported that these men, both in the quality of work done and in out-put, equalled the work done by the white carpenter gangs which were used at Chickasaw.

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Negroes, is through the Chickasaw Shipbuilding Plant at Mobile, Alabama. This plant is operated by the same officers as the Tennessee Coal Iron and Railroad Company, both companies being subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corporation and have back of them all of the resources and capital which this corporation controls. In the establishing of the Chickasaw plant many million dollars are being expended. It is the purpose of this company to use a very large portion of Negroes, probably, some five thousand or more in the permanent work of building ships. The Chickasaw plant is not a "War Baby" that will close when exigencies of the war situation have passed, but the Camps Ship Yard and the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, it is to permanent build ships to go upon the seas.

The Chickasaw Shipbuilding Company affords a great After War Opportunity for Negroes. It is a great opportunity not only because of the number of Negroes to be employed, but also as to the line of work that are to be open to them. They are not to be confined to unskilled

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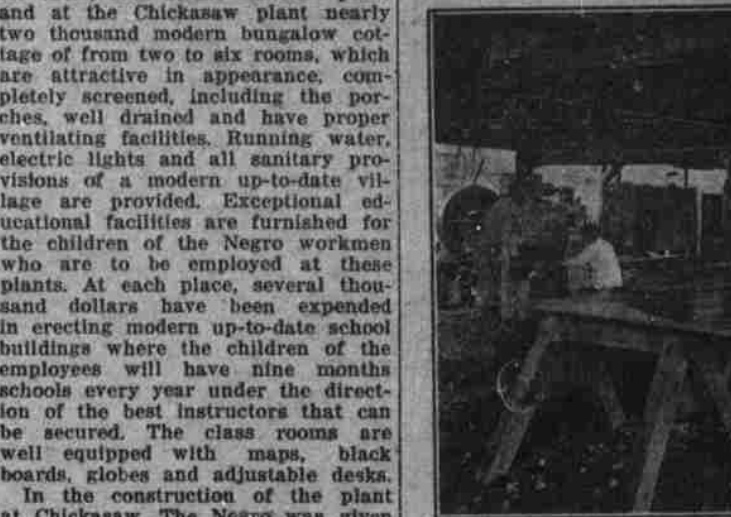
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The following are some of the particular lines of work that will be open to Negroes at the Fairfield plant and the Chickasaw Shipbuilding plant, when the work at these plants gets fully under way, there will be anglemiths and angle-smith's strikers and helpers. They will bend and weld angle frames and staple work for the bulkheads and watertight floors. There will be blacksmiths and blacksmith's strikers and helpers who will forge fittings on the ships, such as rudders, anchorages, ring bolts, pad eyes, pipe flanges, etc. The furnace men and furnace men's helpers will bend plates, angles and steel shapes to the required curves or bending angles and channels for ship work. There will be bolters and ironmen who will assemble and bolt up, temporarily, the several parts of the ship so that they can be permanently riveted. They will also, where re-

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Riveting School in Operation

First Barge Launching at Chickasaw

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COUPLAND.

Coupland, Texas, April 24.—Sunday was high day. Pastor Dent delivered the goods to his people and each Christian was benefited. Sunday school was well attended. \$165 was the total collection. Senior class was taught by Prof. P. E. Young. Primary class taught, Mrs. Lila Williams. Rev. Slighter reviewed the lesson in an interesting way. Eleven o'clock and night services were preached by Rev. Slighter of Taylor. Pastor Dent filled the pulpit Sunday evening with credit to himself. Total collection for the day was \$20.51. All parents and visitors are invited to attend the closing exercise of the Coupland Colored school of which Miss E. Wright is principal.

PLANO.

Plano, Texas, April 24.—We had a grand Easter day at all churches, the Methodist people had on a rally for that night they raised \$87.40. Mr. Jesse Smith and Mr. Jones Bowman, Mr. W. L. Lister went to Hawkins Saturday on business.

Mrs. Mittie Lister visited Indian Rock, Sunday, also K. C. Ingram and Dora Ingram visited Summerfield Sunday. L. C. Marable to Valley View. Miss Nancy Strong and Mr. Adam Ford were married Saturday night.

SOUR LAKE.

Sour Lake, Texas, April 24.—Sunday school was well attended Sunday. Rev. C. L. Lee was on duty Sunday at Tyree's A. M. E. church and reports a good service throughout the day.

Rev. Dunbar, pastor of St. Paul Baptist church had quite a success in his revival recently and Sunday he carried ten down to the pool and baptized them. They too, are having rallies for the purpose of enlarging their church.

Mrs. N. E. Denson spent Sunday in Beaumont.

Mr. John Delham and wife of Beaumont, are visiting friends here.

Mr. Alfred Dearmon is the guest of Miss P. Mallard.

Mrs. Brown returned from Fort Arthur last week where she has been visiting her son.

Mrs. A. Southwell is spending a few days in Beaumont this week.

Sick listed: Mrs. P. Brown, Mrs. A. Jenkins and Messrs. Skeet and Johnson.

Save a nickel for the Express.

MARSHALL.

Marshall, Texas, April 24.—Mr. Thorne Richardson, one of the young men of Marshall with a great future before him died at his mother, Mrs. Ida Lane, after a short illness with consumption. Funeral attended from Bethesda Baptist church. Rev. J. H. May attending, laid to rest in the Fowler Hill cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. St. Maffrey were called to Houston, to attend the funeral of their grand daughter, Willie Mae Garrett. They were accompanied by their son Enoch Maffrey and their grand-son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Garrett. Easter exercises were observed at Miles Chapel, they raised \$165.00. Rev. S. Whitlow, pastor, Mr. J. B. Coleman is visiting his mother, Mrs. Fannie Coleman. Mr.

Virgie Hattson and Miss Pearl Hatton of Texarkana are in the city, the guests of their mother, Mrs. Lulu Simpson. Mr. Clarence Adam of Dallas is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Adam. Rev. J. H. May, pastor of Bethesda Baptist church had his 6th anniversary services at Bethesda. Rev. J. F. Rice preached the anniversary sermon, a good program, they raised \$500.00. Mr. Ed Thompson and Mr. John Thomas are very low at their homes. Mrs. Dr. Homer Jones is able to be up.

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DEKALB.

DeKalb, Texas, April 24.—Truevine Baptist church news.—We have closed our pastor's 3rd anniversary. Though he has been on the sick list and out of town, but he made his arrival in time to carry out the anniversary. Our Pastor, Dr. W. A. Thomas is a live wire. He is quite an able preacher and he has a very few equals as a pastor. Sup. L. D. Dotson is bringing things to pass in the Sunday school. We have a front line school. Dotson is the right man in the right place. He is putting it over the top. Friday was a high day in Zion. Prof. Gordon Harrison, a young man, who was reared in this town was at his best Sunday at the piano. He played until the congregation stood on their feet unconscious with tears flowing down their cheeks. We also installed a new piano at a cost of \$500.00. Mrs. Lila Dotson is bringing things to pass in the W. H. M. Society. Mrs. Leana Brown is pushing the Baptist church and making it a success. Miss Julia Washington is the president. Miss M. Strong and Geneva Jackson are making rapid progress with the Starlight band. Any one would do well to emulate the great workers. A. Hall and Kelly Jackson are doing a great work in the B. Y. P. U. Mrs. S. A. Swinks and Prof. A. L. Patterson played their parts in helping to make this a grand affair. Editor W. E. King, who is to speak here on the 2nd of May, everybody in and about DeKalb should take a night off and hear this great speaker. If you miss this you will miss the treat of your lives.

KAUFMAN.

Kaufman, Texas, April 24.—Sunday was a pleasant day for Kaufman. Rev. W. C. Barnes was at his post of duty preaching in I. O. O. F. hall. Had baptizing at 4:30 total collection \$177.10.

Rev. O. C. Carroll was at his post of duty at the A. M. E. The reporter was unable to get the amount collected.

Mr. Bud Hill of Dallas is here visiting his mother.

Mr. Earl Radford spent the weekend at Dallas.

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Green and Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Andrews motored over to Dallas Friday evening to the contest.

Mrs. Nannie Stevens and children visited her daughter at Terrell, Rou-

Miss M. Shannon has returned home.

Miss Fannie Bryant, teacher at Liberty, Miss V. Love of Gastonia, Prof. and Mrs. Paul of Egypt were here Friday with their students in an arithmetical and gramatical and base ball contest. In the gramatical contest Kaufman won. The honor was bestowed upon Mr. W. R. Hill, Jr. In the arithmetical contest Egypt led with Gastonia following. Friday evening the Kaufman prohibitionists crossed bats with the Egypt Antis, scores ten and two favoring the home team. Kaufman being the winner had to cross bats with Gastonia Black Devils and Liberty Wild Cats. Kaufman winning, Scores 8 to 3. Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Smith, Jr., a daughter.

Mr. U. S. Taylor, Sr., of Elgin, Texas, is here visiting his son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Taylor, Jr. Mr. Milas Stevens is now residing at Dallas in the tailoring business. Mr. McKinney of Palestine, spent a few days here. The guest of his three little daughters.

Mrs. E. Nelson and daughter, visited Jacksonville recently.

PINELAND.

Pineland, Texas, April 24.—Services were good at all the churches Sunday. Rev. M. Harris, pastor of Trinity, had pitched a ten nights' meeting. He will be assisted by R. Williams of Lake Charles, La.

The Easter rally at Truevine, was a great success. Rev. A. Adams, pastor was assisted by Revs. S. D. Ogletree and P. L. Adams. Contest between Miss Linnie Flyaw and Mrs. Hattie Powell. The prize, a beautiful ring was awarded Miss Flyaw.

Rev. P. L. Adams preached a noble sermon at eleven o'clock. Collection was \$30.25.

Mrs. Annie Danaby returned from Shreveport, Thursday. Mrs. Cora Walker, Ben Mass, and Anna Lee Henderson, spent Sunday in Jasper. Mr. Gabriel Ramo was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hurdle, Sunday. Misses Caddy and Daniels dined with Mrs. Gennie Beverly.

Mrs. Annie Durham and Mrs. Della Lilly are up after several days' illness. Rev. J. H. Johnson is still in feeble condition. Yet paralyzed and speechless.

Read the Express each week. Don't forget that we do no credit business.

SMITHVILLE.